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Marginal Column

By Hugh Latimer

EVEN in South Africa, where the whites are slower than anywhere else in the world to realize that the Africans are on the move, the question is being asked - what will the African resistance movement do now that Dr. Malan's Nationalist Government has been returned to power with an increased majority? The African National Congress recently held a press conference to explain. The officials tried to take a room for the conference in Johannesburg's second biggest hotel, but were unsuccessful. Mr. Albert Lutuli, the Congress's new president-general said that a campaign would be carried on to repeal acts which discriminated against the non-whites. The campaign would always be non-violent. He had hope and faith that one day white South Africa would give the non-whites their rights, but added that at this last election both main parties had been pledged to the nationalist policy of apartheid (racial segregation).

THIS tells us little. The fact is that Lutuli, an ex-chief and a keen Churchman, who once represented South Africa at the Tambora Conference of the World Council of Churches, would have been an ideal man to lead the Africans in talks with Mr. J.N. Strauss, the United Party leader. (If the latter had won the election and had agreed to talk) but is less suited for leadership of an underground struggle if the representative policy of Mr. C.R. Swart, the Nationalist Minister of Justice, makes that necessary. The "Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign," as the world has known it, has been dead for the past three months. Mr. Swart's Criminal Law Amendment Act makes defiance of a law for conscious reasons a greater crime than assault with penalties of three years' imprisonment, 500 fine or ten strokes of the whip. Talk at Johannesburg has it that the resistance movement tried to get together one batch of volunteers to defy the law just once, but was unsuccessful.

WHAT next, then? Ask an African Congressman this, and, without giving a direct answer, his conversation turns to the resistance campaign's original plan of operation. Stage one was voluntary defiance, to produce junior leaders. The movement now has 8,000 of these. Stage two was to carry resistance to the African reserves. This was more successful in the Ciskei than in the Transkei. Stage three is mass passive resistance, and that is due to open now.

STAY-AWAY strikes, sit-down strikes and boycotts are the obvious weapons, and they bring a new kind of leader to the top. Typical of these is Gladstone Thuma of Port Elizabeth. At Port Elizabeth Dr. James Nkomo, the political leader, has been superseded by Professor Matthews, a wise and benign figurehead, and real power is in the hands of young Thuma. The latter is a trade union leader, a bearded "ex-Communist" with a decidedly off-hand manner towards Whites, and he was responsible more than any man for the Port Elizabeth African 50% successful "Day of Protest" last November. But Thuma has at least a responsibility as a trade union leader, whereas many of the leaders in other centres have no responsibility other than that of maintaining their own power. Each African location in the Union is dominated by a gang, some of whom support and some of whom oppose the resistance movement (the Russians appear to have police protection as a result). If the African resistance movement gets into the hands of such gang-leaders, how long will it remain non-violent?

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Kikuyu Massacres

NAIROBI, Monday (Reuters). - Mau Mau terrorists killed at least 15 loyal Kikuyu in a raid on a "home guard" in the Nyeri area today. The Kikuyu were backed to places or burned to death by a gang believed to number 200 armed with rifles and pistols. The terrorists also took three home guard prisoners.

Vietminh Force Moving To Thailand Frontier

VIENTIANE, Monday (Reuters). - Communist-led Vietminh troops have seized the French post of Tha Thom, shifting southwards and close to Thailand the weight of their four-pronged drive into Laos state, it was officially announced today.

The southward drive would bring them on to the Mekong river, downstream from Luang Prabang, Laos royal seat which was considered not threatened a few days ago. Once on the banks of the river they could follow its course towards poorly defended Vientiane, the Laos administrative capital, or turn into southern Laos. The move against Tha Thom was interpreted by some observers as a sign that the Vietminh intend to involve the whole country in their drive. So far they have kept to northern Laos and the drive towards Thailand.

The Vietminh have 80,000 men in Laos, divide them into four columns one of them reaching almost to Luang Prabang, the "City of a 1,000 pagodas." Ten rebel battalions are believed to be within 20 kms. of the town but appeared to be resting and waiting for reinforcements before attacking.

The second threat is against Vientiane and the third against Pakxan, 455 kms. north-east.

The fourth Vietminh column extends to Sam Neua, abandoned by the French on April 13. This column covers communications.

Ex-Minister Seeks Refuge in Majlis

TEHRAN, Monday (UPI). - A former Interior Minister sought refuge for questioning in the slaying of Tehran police chief Brigadier Mahmud Afsharloo, building today.

General Fazlollah Zahedi, who had been ordered by radio yesterday to report to the Military Governor of Tehran, said he had taken refuge in parliament because his personal safety was in danger.

Zahedi was once accused of plotting against Premier Mohammed Mossadegh but the charges were never proved.

His brother, a Brigadier, was one of the group of Army officers and political opponents of Mossadegh accused of murdering Afsharloo. He is said to have confessed.

Nationalist Boycott Succeeds in Tunis

TUNIS, Monday. - Tunisian Nationalists won a great victory here yesterday when only nine per cent of registered voters took part in the municipal elections. The Nationalists had urged a boycott of the French Protectorate, however, some 60% of the electorate voted.

The elections for half the 64 municipalities (the remainder will be contested next Sunday), were held under a state of siege following on Saturday's assassination of Chedi Kestell, Vice-Mayor of Tunis.

One man has been held in connection with the murder of Kestell and an undisclosed number of Nationalist leaders were rounded up and flown to a detention camp in the interior on the eve of the elections.

Sharet Confers With President of Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Monday. - Israel Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharet, conferred with President Getulio Vargas of Brazil this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Sharet were luncheon guests of Foreign Minister Jose Neves da Fontoura.

They arrived yesterday from Montevideo where Mr. Sharet had signed an Uruguay-Israel cultural treaty similar to that signed with the Argentine last week. It provides for an exchange of educational and cultural facilities.

While in Montevideo, Mr. Sharet was headed a charge for \$100,000, set instalment of Uruguay's current foreign debt.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

An attempt to assassinate Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru by pulling a live bomb on the railway track over which he was travelling failed yesterday.

Argentine police last night captured reports of an attempt to pull a bomb in the car of Foreign Minister Getulio Vargas in Buenos Aires. Some arrests have been made.

Churchill Voices Optimism Over Korean Talks

LONDON, Monday. - Premier Sir Winston Churchill told the Commons today he had informed the U.S. that Britain would be glad to see India or Pakistan as the neutral country to care for prisoners of war in Korea who do not want to go home.

After giving the latest news from Panmunjom, the Prime Minister commented it was "not so bad."

Replying to questions about the prisoners the Prime Minister said, "I think matters of principle have been settled. It is now a question of method. I really do not see why there should not be agreement reached on this issue or why we should not move pretty quickly to larger topics and aspects in Korea."

"But it does not rest entirely with us - with our side, as it were - in this war in Korea."

In Panmunjom today General William Harrison, chief U.N. truce negotiator, today tried in vain to pin the Communists down on his nomination of Pakistan as custodian for prisoners reluctant to go home.

"Time on the discussion is running out," he told them. The continued evasion by your side can only be considered as inspired by motives other than those of reaching an equitable agreement."

The Communists have themselves said they consider Pakistan suitable for the job, linking it with India, Burma and Indonesia, but when Gen. Harrison firmly nominated Pakistan, saying it was both "neutral and competent," the Communists evaded a direct reply and asked for an adjournment until tomorrow.

The chief Korean negotiator, Gen. Nam Il devoted most of his time today to arguing that the Allies should first agree that all prisoners unwilling to go home should be sent out of Korea to the custodian country.

In London, a Government spokesman gave full backing to the way U.S. Lt.-Gen. William Harrison was handling the talks in Korea. (Reuters, UP)

ISRAEL LOSES LAST TWO GAMES TO SPAIN
BARCELONA, Monday (UPI). - Spain today completed a 5-0 victory in its Davis Cup European Zone contest against Israel by winning the last two single games. Martin Ben Dubinsky and Ferrer beat Weiss both in three straight sets.

Dulles Urges Year's Extension Of U.S. Reciprocal Trade Bill

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuters). - Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles today warned Congress that any new American tariff barriers to Allied world trade would have "serious international repercussions" injurious to the U.S.

Mr. Dulles appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee to oppose new high tariff legislation known as the Simpson Bill which the committee was studying. He urged Congress to take no action on the bill pending study by a special commission of American trade and tariff policy, recommended by Mr. Eisenhower.

Rosenberg Case Decision Put Off Another 2 Weeks

WASHINGTON, Monday. - The Supreme Court today put off for at least another two weeks rulings on the new appeal of doomed atomic spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

He added that the bill would be taken throughout the free world to forecast U.S. trade policies which would make it impossible for them to live without increasing association with and dependence on the Communist world. (The bill would give the Tariff Commission power to fix tariff rates and deprive the President of discretionary authority in tariff matters.)

Eight Special Reports For Dulles

TEL AVIV, Monday. - The U.S. Embassy here has prepared eight detailed reports on the political and economic situation in Israel to be handed to Mr. John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State, immediately upon his arrival here by special U.S. Air Force plane from Cairo on May 15. Mr. Dulles will be accompanied by Mr. Harold Stassen, Mr. Henry Byrd, Assistant Secretary for Middle East and Asian Affairs, Mr. Douglas MacArthur, member of the General who is a State Department spokesman, Mr. A.

Cologne Mission Ready for Work

COLOGNE, Monday (UPI). - The Israel Palestine Mission here became fully operational today with the completion of its staff. But immediate assignment of German industrial goods to Israel must still await the implementation of certain articles of the reparations agreement.

These are expected to be worked out later in the month when the reparations commission meets for the first time. According to the terms of the agreement the Israel Commission can be convened by either party in due with any difficulties that arise in carrying out the agreement.

Cairo Army Group In Ankara Opens Talks

ANKARA, Monday (AP). - A seven-member Egyptian military delegation headed by Brigadier General Hassan Ragheb began talks with Turkish officials here today.

News of their arrival yesterday was carried briefly in a report distributed by the semi-official Anatolian News Agency. They were registered at Ankara's Tourist Hotel for a stay of three or four days, although other informants said the visit might extend to a fortnight.

Egypt Dangles Middle East Peace As Bait for Suez

WASHINGTON, Monday. - The new Egyptian Ambassador, Ahmed Hussein, who presented his credentials to President Dwight Eisenhower today, told a press conference later that his Government would be in a better position to negotiate peace with Israel when the Suez Canal question is solved to its satisfaction.

"If it achieves its goal of evacuation, the Egyptian Government would be in a strong position and that would help it in discussing any fair proposal (in a Middle East peace pact) without any party dictating its conditions to the other."

Riley's Successor Probably a Soldier

UNITED NATIONS, Monday (UPI). - Informal sources here expect an early announcement of a successor to General William E. Riley as U.N. Chief of Staff in Palestine.

They disclosed that a number of candidates, "almost exclusively military men," and including several non-Americans are being considered.

Netherlands Minister Presents Credentials

THE NEW NETHERLANDS Minister, Mr. G.W. Bouwman, presented his credentials to the President yesterday. The Prime Minister and Acting Foreign Minister, Mr. D. Ben Gurion, and the Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mr. W. Eytan, were present.

The Minister, accompanied by the Chief of Protocol, Dr. Michael Simon, arrived at the home of the President in Jerusalem at noon. The flag of Holland and the flag of the President were flying. An Army honour guard presented arms and a military band played the Dutch national anthem. It was the first time the ceremony was held in Jerusalem, as all envoys had hitherto presented their credentials at Haifa.

Knesset Tackles Budgets In Summer Term Opening

Bernstein Sees IL-2-\$1 As 'Realistic Rate'

Mr. F. Bernstein, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, told the Knesset yesterday that the "realistic value" of the Israeli pound was, in his estimation, about IL-2 per dollar. The market price of manufactured goods reflected that ratio, Mr. Bernstein said, while agricultural products were based on the ratio of IL-1 per dollar - a fact taken into account when farm produce prices were raised recently. When the time to stabilize the pound was ripe a "realistic value" would probably be adopted, he said.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry also revealed that an "interim arrangement for exporters" is to be announced in a day or two checked by reports. A final policy regarding the function of the Knesset as an instrument of democracy.

Tension within the coalition was growing, according to reports circulating in Knesset lobbies yesterday, as the House re-assembled after its Passover recess. Although reports of a possible dissolution may be considered tendentious, it is believed there will be an acute struggle over the unemployment law which is opposed by the General Zionists. The Progressives propose a IL-12m. levy as a substitute for the IL-25m. loan.

Another bone of contention is the General Zionists' request to have the United Education Bill, which would make the national flag and the national anthem compulsory in all schools. The Progressives support the proposal. Mapai is reported to be of the opinion that a special flag law should settle the matter for all institutions, not only schools. The General Zionists are also expected to oppose agricultural training for soldiers in kibbutzim.

Very Good Response To Forced Loan

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Monday. - The public had responded very well to the property loan or tax and the Ministry of Finance was satisfied with the results. Dr. M. Landau, in charge of the loan, told the POST tonight. He said that figures of the response, both in funds received and the number of declarations made, would not be available for a week or so. By last night, about IL-1m. had been received, of which about one-third was in the form of a loan and the balance a tax payment at the lower rate.

Histadrut Votes To Divide Ein Harod

TEL AVIV, Monday. - The Histadrut Executive's secretariat announced here tonight that it had decided, by six votes to three, to split Ein Harod settlement into two independent kibbutzim, with houses and movable property divided according to the numerical size of the two parties - Yehud Hakvutzot and Hakibbutzim and Hakibbutz Ha-nehuah - and the land divided equally between them. A former plan suggested by a three-man committee set up by the Agricultural Workers Union, but rejected by the Agricultural Workers Union, the Histadrut had named a five-man committee, headed by Mr. Avraham Hartfeld, of the Union, to implement the partition scheme.

Textiles, Leather Still Frozen

The freezing order on raw materials for the clothing and footwear industries imposed suddenly on Sunday remained in force yesterday without any reason being given for the refusal to permit withdrawals of stock.

Although a spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce told the POST that shoe factories had sufficient stocks of materials to carry on production, it was claimed in manufacturing circles yesterday that at least two plants would have to close down by tomorrow if the Ministry did not release supplies from the warehouses before then. (The Ministry, however, said supplies of leather were normally released once in two months, and none was scheduled for this week in any case.)

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